

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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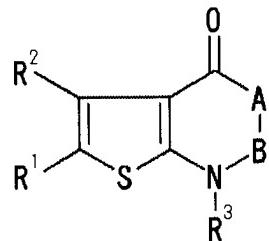
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (withdrawn): A preventing or treating agent for hot flash which comprises a non-peptidic compound having gonadotropin releasing hormone antagonistic activity.

2. (withdrawn-currently amended): The agent-method according to claim +7, wherein the compound is a compound capable of entering the brain.

3. (withdrawn-currently amended): The agent-method according to claim +7, wherein the compound is a fused heterocyclic compound.

4. (withdrawn-currently amended): The agent-method according to claim +7, wherein the compound is a compound represented by the formula:



wherein R¹ represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a group linking via a carbon atom, (3) a group linking via a nitrogen atom, (4) a group linking via an oxygen atom or (5) a group linking via a sulfur atom,

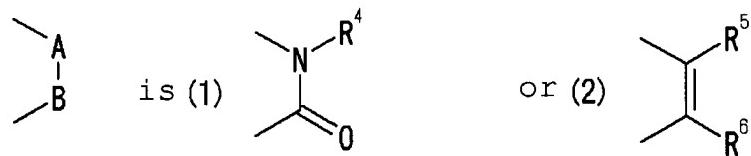
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R² represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a group linking via a carbon atom, (3) a group linking via a nitrogen atom, (4) a group linking via an oxygen atom or (5) a group linking via a sulfur atom,

R³ represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) alkyl or (3) -(CH₂)_pQ (wherein p represents an integer of 0 to 3 and Q represents an optionally substituted homocyclic group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group),



R⁴ represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) alkyl optionally substituted with alkoxy, (3) optionally substituted aryl, (4) optionally substituted aralkyl or (5) optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

R⁵ represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) formyl, (3) cyano, (4) C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with (i) a group linking via a sulfur atom or (ii) a group linking via an oxygen atom, (5) an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, (6) a group linking via a nitrogen atom, (7) a group linking via an oxygen atom, (8) a group linking via a sulfur atom, (9) optionally esterified, thioesterified or amidated carboxyl or (10) -C(O)R⁷ (wherein R⁷ represents an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group), and

R⁶ represents (1) a hydrogen atom or (2) a group linking via a carbon atom, or a salt or prodrug thereof.

5. (withdrawn-currently amended): The agent-method according to claim 4, wherein

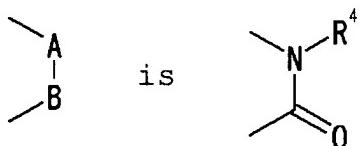
R¹ is optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄ aryl, R² is (1) C₁₋₃alkyl substituted with a group linking via a

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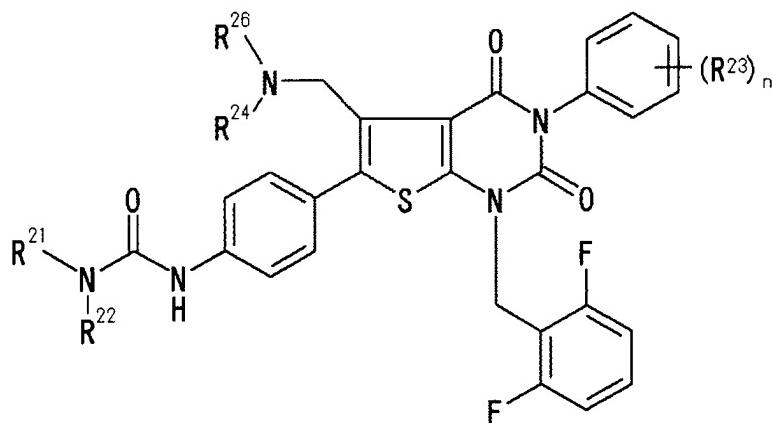
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nitrogen atom or (2) a group linking via a nitrogen atom, R³ is -(CH₂)_pQ (wherein p represents an integer of 0 to 3 and Q represents an optionally substituted homocyclic group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group),



R^4 is (1) C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with C₁₋₆alkoxy or (2) optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄aryl.

6. (withdrawn-currently amended): The agentmethod according to claim 47,
wherein the compound is a compound represented by the formula:

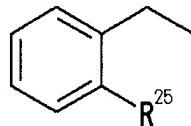


wherein R²¹ and R²² each represent (1) a hydrogen atom (2) hydroxy (3) C₁₋₄alkoxy, (4) C₁₋₄alkoxy-carbonyl or (5) optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkyl, R²³ represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) halogen, (3) hydroxy or (4) optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkoxy, or two R²³ adjacent to each other may be linked to form C₁₋₄ alkylenedioxy, R²⁴ represents (1) a hydrogen atom or (2) C₁₋₄alkyl, and R²⁶ represents (1) optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkyl or (2) a group represented by the formula:

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wherein R²⁵ represents a hydrogen atom or may be taken together with R²⁴ to form a heterocycle, and n represents an integer of 0 to 5, or a salt thereof.

7. (original): A method for preventing or treating hot flash, which comprises administering an effective amount of a non-peptidic compound having gonadotropin releasing hormone antagonistic activity to a mammal.

8. (withdrawn): Use of a non-peptidic compound having gonadotropin releasing hormone antagonistic activity for preparation of a preventing or treating agent for hot flash.